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MEMORANDUM FOR: Principal Deputy for Plans, ICS

SUBJECT : Status Report on NIPS

1. This morning I held a meeting of the principal NIPS participants as scheduled in the 4 March 1975 memorandum, which presented the draft Plan Outline and the General Check List for the NIPS. The meeting was attended by the following:

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2. After a few general remarks on the purpose of the meeting, the NRO people briefed on their work to date and arranged to provide the attendees with the key decision point charts from the last EXCOM meeting. After a brief discussion of the NRO materials I asked for an expanded outline on the assemination and exploitation requirements and costs, in accordance with the draft outline. They agreed to have these completed within a week. At this point what appears

realistic is to have the draft inputs on each of these portions to IC Staff no later than 1 June 1975 for trans-

mittal to NRO by 15 June 1975.

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3. In the current MOA NRO is scheduled to provide IC Staff with a completed NIPS draft report by 15 August. This should give us enough time to interact with NRO on the draft

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report. I am concerned with having only a month-and-a-half, i.e., 15 August to 1 October, to conduct our community review, particularly after noting the National SIGINT Plan experience. If we do succeed in submitting our IC inputs by 15 June, and NRO is as far along as they say, I would like to think we could have a complete draft report by 15 July as opposed to 15 August.

- 4. I talked to _______ after the meeting today to once again make sure they he understood what was being asked of COMIREX and the others. He assured me that he did and I know we can rely on his continued support.
- 5. As a result of the work of the ad hoc exploitation group, agrees that we are in good shape with respect to the inputs necessary for the exploitation portion of the NIPS. The same is true to a somewhat lesser degree in the dissemination area as a result of the ongoing work of
- 6. One problem I foresee is that of putting together a long-range perspectives and estimate. There is little explicit long-range planning anywhere in the imagery community and I think that I shall have to pick up what I can from various sources and draft their input for this section, leaving the collection technology portion to be addressed by NRO.

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